

THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

Principal Features of
The Gay World the
Past Week.

GRACEFUL GERMANS AND EXQUISITE ENTERTAINMENTS.

SOCIETY Notes and Personals.

RICHMOND, December 15.—The past week did not present much variety to the devotees of fashion and gaiety, but there was much in it that we can promise less in that we can provide them for the future "enough and to spare." Now, that we have (besides their Monday and Tuesday evenings) three well-organized social clubs, and two dramatic, there will be no dearth of dancing and enjoyment of every variety for the young people. We may much regret that there is no provision being made for the entertainment of married friends, who are "well advanced in years, but who give 'one' to 'ocleay whenever they see their presence. We would suggest that they get up.

A KNITTING CLUB

to meet at the different homes fortnightly. The members who are not proficient in the art of knitting might profitably "spin yarns" and thus set the "ball" in motion. Others might knit their "eye brows," and the evenings could wind up with the old-fashioned "hop walz" or the stately "minuettes," as much as the "grace" in the past, as the present "gille" and other steps are with us.

LAST MONDAY NIGHT'S GERMAN

was a most brilliant and charming affair. Although the weather was so inclement it did not deter those from attending who sincerely grace the hall with their presence. Among the chaperones and young ladies we noticed Mrs. Philip Hassell in black lace and green trimmings; Mrs. Tom Bolling wore white silk and guaze dress; Mrs. Mrs. Williams gave a lovely costume of pink tulle and black lace; Mrs. Merriman Monseur looked very handsome in white tulle with point lace and pink petticoat; Mrs. Thomas Carter, in gray crepe; Mrs. Lewis, in blue silk; Mrs. Ned Myers, Jr., in pink moire; Mrs. Monroe Perkins, director of the pink silk and white lace; Mrs. Patricia, exquisite costume (Worth) of white tulle and pink crushed roses; Mrs. Willie Talbot looked queen-like in pearl satin and lace, diamond ornaments; Mrs. Steger, black silk and lace dress; Mrs. Tom Marshall, in blue satin and yellow trimmings; Mrs. Thomas Page, handsome walking costume of dark blue silk and velvet; Miss Rose Gordon of Baltimore, in white tulle and silver, a beautiful costume and very becoming. She carried a large bouquet of lilies of the valley and La France roses.

Miss Spurr, in green silk and black lace; Miss Bivins, empire gown of copper and gold; Miss McNeely, red silk; Miss Louise Mayo, long dress of pink tulle; Miss Anna McNeely, in combination of green and brown silk; Miss Natalie Botts, in embroidered white silk; Miss Pace, white silk and green trimmings; bouquet of American beauty roses; Miss Nannie Myers, white crepe and yellow trimmings; Miss Bruce Williams, white tulle and moire; Miss Virgie Archer, in yellow silk and lace; Miss Emma Carrington wore a beautiful director's costume, yellow tulle and lace, strikingly becoming; Miss W. L. Weston, pink China silk and white lace; Miss Leila Myers, green silk and black net; Miss Brock, white silk and pearl trimmings; Miss Mary Lewis, white silk and lace; Miss De Treville, yellow gauge and silk; Miss Cage, in a lovely costume of black lace and more ribbon; Miss Herbert, in white satin; Miss Callie Mayo, in white point d'esprit and silk.

VARIOUS SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Saturday evening, December 15th, Mr. Triplett Hassell gave at his residence 103 East Franklin street, a very elegant dinner, complimentary to the "Quintette Club" the members of which are Mr. W. H. Grant, Mr. L. L. Myers and Mrs. Hassell. To meet these gentlemen the following guests were invited:

Mr. John T. Anderson, Mr. Medlin, Mr. Montague, Captain Phillips, Mr. St. John, Mr. Eugene Massie, Mr. Barton Grandy, Mr. Stanhope Bolling, Mr. Thomas Bolling, Mr. W. H. Massie, Mr. John Williams.

The dinner was served in courses, and the menu comprised everything which the daintiest epicure could appreciate, together with rare and rich old wines. During the evening the quintette rendered some exquisite songs, and the "Wee sma' hours" found the party dispersing. Mrs. Hassell had the honor of the occasion with a great deal of grace, cordiality and dignity.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

At this time of the year, when the streets and bands of thousands are busy dashes Christmas gifts, it would be well to exercise good sense in the selection. One-half of the wily and disappointment comes from undertaking to grasp the impossible. The most simple little presents given as mementos of our love and friendship, with no thought of what we will gain in return, ought to be the most appreciated. Some persons give the most inappropriate things, which reminds me of a friend who gave a tobacco shell containing a picture of himself.

These, of course, are constantly done, so this year, for fear of making some such mistake, we have determined not to give any gifts but our "love and best wishes."

SOCIETY NOTES AND PERSONALS.

A concert will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock by the blind boys and girls of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute of Staunton. Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. It will prove a very pleasant entertainment.

Colonel John Palmer gave a beautiful dinner to some gentle friends on last Thursday in his residence, 105 East Franklin street.

Mrs. and Miss Cameron's reception on last Wednesday was the most delightful one yet given. There were six callers during the hours from "five to ten." Miss Cameron was assisted in receiving by Miss Belle Perkins and Miss Neilia Potts.

Miss Cameron wore the most exquisite imported costume of white brocaded, trimmings of pink velvet.

The next entertainment given by the Dramatic Club will be at the residence of Miss Rosalie Winston, on Tuesday evening December 21st. A very clever little play will be acted, and knowing the "secret" of the case, we predict a great success.

Mrs. Connolly, and her daughter Miss Mary, are the guests of Mrs. James Thomas, East Grace street.

Miss Juliet Carter is the guest of Mrs. Peter Mayes.

Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Nannie returned home on last Thursday from New York.

Miss Handy returned from Baltimore on last Wednesday.

Miss Mary Cullen will leave very soon for New York, where she will spend the winter perfecting herself in music and the higher studies.

Miss Camilla and Eugenie Scott have taken apartments at No. — East Grace street.

Miss Edith Syngalton will spend the winter at No. 604 East Grace street.

Miss Elizabeth Clegg is in the city awaiting orders. He hopes to be here until after the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Rives left here last Tuesday for her home in Albemarle county, where she will remain for a few days, after which, accompanied by her father, she will sail for Europe to be absent several months.

Miss Sallie Anderson is visiting Miss Helen Rutherford at "Rock Castle."

Mr. James Nelson, of the Cheseapeake & Ohio road, left last week for Lexington, Kentucky, where he has accepted a position.

Miss Ann Magill Fauntroy of Staunton is the guest of Mrs. Judge Thomas Fauntroy.

Mr. Seth Lorton was in the city last

week looking well and in fine spirits. The friends of Colonel and Mrs. Talbot will be glad to know that their daughter Eva, who has been extremely ill, is now convalescent.

Mr. Beverly Munford has just returned from an extended trip North.

Mr. Richard Pegram, Jr., leaves shortly for a Southern tour, and will be absent several months.

Miss Anna Mrs. William Royal gave a handsome dinner last Saturday in honor of Mr. Hutchins of Washington, D. C.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Allen, Mr. and Mrs. John Enders, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Mrs. Willcox, and others.

We learn from reliable authority that Mrs. Arthur Padelford (Mrs. Battle Ordway) will go to Europe, where she goes to fill an engagement in opera.

She has been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Nancy Norton (formerly of Richmond), to a gentleman from Montana Territory.

The marriage took place in Salt Lake City, where her family are now residing.

REHOMERS IN NEW YORK.

The following residents of this city were registered in New York during the past week:

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Decatur Astor.

Metropole—E. H. Brittan, Miss Rosa G. British, H. M. Moses.

Hofman House—E. Miller.

Hotel Bartholdi—R. T. Arrington, E. A. Cattin, J. B. Bensey, M. J. Dimmock, J. Gay, J. J. Hokok, J. Freeman, J. M. Taylor, T. S. Weldwright.

New York Hotel—G. D. Wise, A. B. Clarke.

St. Nicholas—N. Simon.

St. George—E. D. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Hodges, W. N. Knobell, A. Stokes.

Union Hotel—J. W. Lockner.

Hotel Davis—A. Puzzini and wife.

Grand Central Hotel—L. Hutzler, M. B. Rosenbaum.

Earle's Hotel—B. Alspach, J. Hatfield.

THE SOUL.

FOR THE TIMES!

(Written after hearing the sermon preached by Rev. Hugo, Sunday afternoon, December 16th.)

The student reads the book that leads to wisdom's golden mines.

And gains the knowledge for which he sought.

To gain immortality's name.

The minister seeks among the Greeks

To find the soul of man.

But all is naught, the glibon thought.

From memory quickly rises,

And soon, too soon, in manifold's noon.

In death the soul is dead.

The minister still gathers dust,

As the teacher of the church is dead,

As time's corroding hand.

Alas, alas! such seeking passeth.

Is this the soul?

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